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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
FOR WEEK ENDING 05-Mar-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 03/05/05	PREVIOUS WEEK 02/26/05
BRO-FRY	163,044	159,306
LT HENS	1,488	1,519
HVY HENS	1,449	1,364

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	WEEK ENDING 26-Feb-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	315	0	315
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	337	0	337
Same week yr ago	94	0	94
To-date/2005	2,547	4	2,551
To-date/2004	1,915	28	1,943

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,826	1,477	3,303
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,614	1,161	2,775
Same week yr ago	1,233	1,252	2,485
To-date/2005	13,815	10,155	23,970
To-date/2004	12,179	10,259	22,438

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
WEEK ENDING 26-Feb-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	156,421	1,511	1,477	2,988
Avg Wt	5.28	3.30	8.08	5.66
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	156,653	1,277	1,161	2,438
Same wk yr ago	152,700	1,139	1,252	2,391
Avg Wt	5.17	3.36	8.00	5.79
To-date/2005	1,250,969	11,268	10,151	21,419
To-date/2004	1,225,994	10,264	10,231	20,495

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.3 million head or 5.1 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 19-Feb-05

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	29,133	22,573	48,384
Avg Weight	3.56	4.71	6.33
% of total /1	29%	23%	48%
 Last week	 24,705	 22,136	 46,515
Avg Weight	3.65	4.80	6.40
% of total /1	26%	24%	50%
 Same week, yr ago /2	 33,640	 22,598	 44,271
Avg Weight	3.57	4.82	6.29
% of total /1	33%	22%	44%
 To date/2005	 179,903	 148,018	 331,101
To date/2004	170,845	149,260	284,764

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 26-Feb-05  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,473	2,441	32	0	3,946
Avg Wt	16.17	38.60	24.76	0.00	30.11
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,427	2,489	38	7	3,961
Same wk yr ago	1,744	2,466	34	9	4,253
Avg Wt	15.76	36.46	26.75	34.18	27.89
To-date/2005	12,233	20,073	242	32	32,580
To-date/2004	13,468	19,476	280	57	33,281

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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